IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : CRIMINAL NO. 10-720-1

ROBERT S. BROMLEY, : Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

: October 24, 2011

Defendant : 10:04 a.m.

TRANSCRIPT OF MOTIONS HEARING BEFORE THE HONORABLE CYNTHIA M. RUFE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

APPEARANCES:

For the Government: FAITHE MOORE TAYLOR, ESQUIRE

Assistant United States Attorney United States Attorney's Office

615 Chestnut Street

Suite 1250

Philadelphia, PA 19106

For the Defendant: ANGELO L. CAMERON, ESQUIRE

> A. Lee Cameron, LLC 100 South Broad Street

Suite 2226

Land Title Building

Philadelphia, PA 19110

Transcribers Limited 17 Rickland Drive Sewell, NJ 08080

856-589-6100 • 856-589-9005

```
2
 1
     Audio Operator: Erica Pratt
 2
      Transcribed By: Donna M. Anders
 3
     Proceedings recorded by electronic sound recording; transcript produced by computer-aided transcription service.
 4
 5
 6
 7
 8
 9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
```

```
1
              (The following was heard in open court at
2
    10:04 a.m.)
3
              THE COURT: Good morning.
4
              ALL: Good morning, Your Honor.
5
              THE COURT: Please be seated. I called this
6
    status hearing because there are pending motions to
7
    address. At the same time, the government has an
8
    outstanding motion to consolidate a number of cases
    under one umbrella, that is the umbrella that would be
10
    Judge Joyner, I think, or some judge.
11
              I know that Judge Joyner is our chief judge,
12
    and he is the judge that must approve such a motion.
13
    So I am not here to work on that motion, and that would
14
    be Document 10, the government's motion to consolidate.
15
              I thought it would be appropriate to cite
16
    that this Court had no position, or did not oppose it,
17
    but it really does not seem to be my province, although
18
    I am confused by that, counsel, because I felt that as
19
    much as this Court has been properly assigned Mr.
20
    Bromley's indictment, that some input or position from
21
    the assigned judge was also appropriate.
22
              Do you know the status of that matter, that
23
    is the government's motion?
24
              MS. TAYLOR: Your Honor, I do not. We filed
25
    that motion approximately two weeks ago. When these
```

cases were originally returned, there were 37 total cases returned.

When the case was originally filed, there was no related case rule because this case goes back years as far as sealed indictments. During the pendency of the case, the related case rule did become effect in the District.

We then did not relate the cases because we didn't know who to relate them to, and they were all sealed. So we couldn't relate sealed matters. It's kind of an administrative nightmare.

THE COURT: I think it is.

MS. TAYLOR: When they were unsealed we, therefore, filed the motion to consolidate though not for trial, but for disposition before one court. We were informed by the clerks that we had to file that motion with Judge Joyner, and Judge Joyner would then speak to the ten other judges, if he felt appropriate, who had cases in the 37.

Now, 14 of them are misdemeanors and may be tried by consent before magistrate judges, though they are still also part of the pending consolidation motion because they, too, had to originally, according to the clerk's office, be assigned to a district court judge. So there are a myriad of administrative issues that are

all pending under the province of that motion.

So we apologize, but we did not consult

So we apologize, but we did not consult any court as we were instructed because there were so many different judges, to simply file the motion with the chief judge and then he would handle it as he believed appropriate, and that is the advice that we followed.

So, as I spoke to Mr. Cameron last week and this morning, there is also an issue because the motions some of these attorneys filed are not coming to myself and Ms. Lunkenheimer.

So, we are working with the clerks because we're both noticed, but we don't get it. Quite frankly, your clerk informed me there were pretrial motions, and when I looked at them, we are trying to work that out.

I believe that Mr. Cameron's opposition to the consolidation must go before Judge Joyner because he is the judge we filed the motion in front of, but we were also required to docket it on all 37 cases since it affected all 37 cases.

Mr. Cameron opposes, as he should, a joint trial of this matter, because there is no reason to try them together. If there were, we would have charged them together.

THE COURT: They are not as he is charged, in

23

24

25

1 any event. 2 MS. TAYLOR: There is no reason to try any of 3 them together, and we have not charged them together, 4 nor have we moved to try them together. The motion to 5 consolidate is simply for resolution, not for a joint 6 trial, and we specifically say we are not seeking a 7 joint trial. 8 So, I have said that to Mr. Cameron --9 THE COURT: But when you say for resolution, 10 what you really mean is if there are guilty pleas and 11 sentencings? 12 MS. TAYLOR: Correct, or trials, but those 13 trials would be before one judge, separate trials 14 before one judge. No defendants rights to proceed 15 would be affected by this. 16 They simply, quite frankly, would have the 17 benefit of one judge dealing with a myriad of these 18 cases and gaining the experience so that they can all 19 be treated in the end similarly and fairly. 20 THE COURT: Yes, that is how your motion is 21 filed. 22

MS. TAYLOR: So, we've gotten two oppositions, not just Mr. Cameron's, and we have had to reach out to those lawyers so that they understand what they are opposing is not what we are seeking.

As to Mr. Cameron's other motions, which is his motion for early Jencks, the government does not believe this is a matter for early Jencks, and certainly we don't believe in this kind of indictment Mr. Cameron is entitled to it, though we file a written response to that.

And, as to his motion for discovery, it's really simply requesting discovery, and it is my hope to get all discovery out in all 37 cases by the end of this week, as I will be in Harrisburg on trial for two

THE COURT: Yes, that is why we wanted to have the status hearing this week. Maybe even Judge Joyner will be able to deal with this this week --

MS. TAYLOR: Right.

weeks on another matter.

THE COURT: -- so you will know what is going on. Well, Mr. Cameron, I tend to agree that the motion is made to Judge Joyner, he needs to hear your argument instead of me, but for the purposes of this hearing, I never mind hearing it again.

Would you like to tell me why you oppose the government's motion to consolidate for resolution, that is, pretrial and guilty plea resolution and sentencing?

MR. CAMERON: Well, for the record, that is

25

```
1
    why we are here. I now know and have clarification
2
    from Ms. Taylor that -- well, my opposition was that I
3
    opposed if there was going to be a joint trial.
4
    since it is going to be separate and distinct trials,
5
    it is moot now.
6
              I was concerned about my client being tried
7
    with the other 30 some number of defendants.
8
              THE COURT: Believe you me, any judge would
9
    be concerned about that as well.
10
              MR. CAMERON: So that is now moot, so long as
11
    it is just administratively and it is with one judge
12
    and it is separate and distinct trials, that was what
13
    my client's concern was.
14
              So, I was just being overly -- well, we're
15
    now clarified.
16
              THE COURT: Do you think it would be helpful
17
    to move that issue along if you clarified your
18
    position, because when you read your response it looks
19
    as if there is something that needs to be decided.
20
              MR. CAMERON: Right.
21
              THE COURT: If that is the understanding, if
22
    that is your understanding with the government, and the
    government has I think made that pretty clear --
24
              MR. CAMERON: Yes.
```

THE COURT: -- because the order that they

```
1
    have produced for the deciding judge's signature, says
2
    it's "for purposes of individual disposition and
3
    sentencing." It says nothing about trial being
4
    consolidated.
5
              MR. CAMERON: That's at first glance, but
6
    then I now know that that is the position of the
7
                 So, what I can do is just do a short,
    government.
8
    short, short motion to withdraw my motion.
9
              THE COURT: Well, that is up to you.
10
              MR. CAMERON: Yes.
11
              THE COURT: I just think you need to clarify
12
    your --
13
              MR. CAMERON:
                            I will.
14
              THE COURT: -- response.
15
                            Yes.
              MR. CAMERON:
16
              THE COURT: And at the same time, let's see
17
    if we can do something productive here, that I can do
18
    something about while this case is still on my docket,
19
    and that is your motion for discovery and inspection.
20
              When you ask first for the discovery, that
21
    doesn't require under our rules a motion.
22
    wondering if your motion itself is premature given that
23
    the government is working on giving you discovery and
24
    inspection of all computers.
25
              MR. CAMERON: Yes. Now I know that by
```

```
Friday, and Ms. Taylor and I, we have known each other in another case, on one big case. So, I know that as of Friday or early next week, I will have something coming to my office, or I can go down there and pick it up either on disk or on hard drive to inspect.

Because under the rules there are so many
```

Because under the rules there are so many days to produce pretrial motions, so I want to be timely.

THE COURT: You have been timely.

MR. CAMERON: Okay.

THE COURT: What I am going to do, however, given this scenario is dismiss your motion as premature, but dismiss it without prejudice.

MR. CAMERON: Okay. Fine.

THE COURT: You may renew it any time thereupon.

MR. CAMERON: Fine.

THE COURT: The first motion for release of Brady materials and early disclosure of Jencks, I believe that is quite premature because if it's Brady, they are required to give it to you anyway, and you don't have a specific reason why you think Brady exists, and early disclosure of Jencks at this point in the process of these cases, it is more premature than most motions are.

```
1
              So we are just going to do the same for all
2
    of them which doesn't take one right away from your
3
    client, and I want him to understand that, Mr. Bromley,
4
    that all of your rights will be exercised. Mr. Cameron
5
    is being particularly careful about making a record of
6
    all of your requests. These now will not be lost.
7
              MR. CAMERON: Thank you, Your Honor.
8
              THE COURT: Not with me if I am the judge and
9
    not with any other judge to whom this case may be
10
    reassigned.
11
              THE DEFENDANT:
                              Thank you.
12
              THE COURT: And that way there is nothing
13
    left dangling and the judge isn't thinking that there
14
    is too many motions here, let's clean up the motions,
15
    they will be clean.
16
              MR. CAMERON: All right. Thank you.
17
              THE COURT: Okay.
18
              THE DEFENDANT:
                              Thank you.
19
              THE COURT: Okay. Is there anything I can do
20
    to help the situation?
21
              MR. CAMERON: No, that is clarified now, yes,
22
    Your Honor.
23
              MS. TAYLOR: No, ma'am.
24
              THE COURT: All right. Thank you.
25
    Bromley, there wasn't any requirement that you speak
```

```
12
1
    today, so I didn't have you sworn in.
2
              But, I will ask you since Mr. Cameron is
3
    court appointed to represent you, do you agree with the
4
    now new position that your attorney has espoused here,
5
    that you will not oppose the government's motion to
6
    consolidate for purposes of disposition and sentencing?
7
              THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
8
              THE COURT: All right. Thank you, sir. We
9
    have no further business with you good counsel, and Mr.
10
    Bromley.
11
              MS. TAYLOR: Thank you, Your Honor.
12
              MR. CAMERON:
                            Thank you, Your Honor.
13
                            That concludes my business, may
              MR. CAMERON:
14
    I be excused?
15
              THE COURT: Yes.
16
              MR. CAMERON: Thank you.
17
              MS. TAYLOR: Same, Your Honor, that concludes
18
    my business, may I be excused?
19
              THE COURT: Yes, you may.
20
              MS. TAYLOR: Thank you, Your Honor.
21
               (Proceedings adjourned, 10:16 a.m.)
22
23
24
```

<u>CERTIFICATION</u>

I, Donna M. Anders, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript from the electronic sound recordings of the proceedings in the above-captioned matter.

<u>////8///</u>Date

Donna M. Anders